

# Veterans Wrenn and W. A. Larned Beaten in Doubles—Ankle Deep Likely Cup Challenger

## WASHBURN PUT OUT BY GEORGE GARDNER

Winner Reaches Seabright Final by Steady Play After Poor Start.

## VETERAN TEAM DEFEATED

Niles and Dabney Forced Out to Win in Deuce Sets From Pell and Prentice.

In spite of the dark and threatening weather the crowd of tennis enthusiasts which has been following the invitation tournament at the Seabright Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club did not thin out any yesterday, the third day of play in both the doubles and Achells challenge cup singles.

Though the skies were gloomy the stands were bright with the summer attire of the fair sex. White was the dominant color in the stands, but there was a goodly sprinkling of pinks and blues and tans and grays, set off here and there by some of the more sombre colors.

Society was out in force and long before the matches were called practically all the automobile parking spaces were filled. Among those seen in the stands were Col. W. N. Harbord, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Halsey, T. C. Camp, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sillocks, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Housman, W. A. Street, B. F. Romane, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Taylor, the Rev. W. Deane Dale, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Clark, Dr. and Mrs. George Gray Ward, Harry Norton, Miss Rita Baker, Miss Ellen Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Erbsloh, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Hoiland, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave F. Touchard, Mr. and Mrs. T. Romane, Mr. and Mrs. L. Van Ingen, Henry R. Riser, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Hart, Mr. and Mrs. George Victor, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Talcott, Percy Snecker.

The first of the contestants to get into action were George Gardner and Washburn, who were paired in the semi-final round of the challenge cup singles. Gardner gained the victory after a hard three set match, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, and advanced to the final round. Theodore R. Pell and George F. Touchard will fight it out in the other semi-final to-day and the winner of this match will cross racquets with Gardner on Friday afternoon in the final.

Gardner was in great form throughout the match, but had a tendency to be a trifle wild in the first set. Washburn, who was as cool as an iceberg, made the best of his rival's weakness and took the set 6-2, through his ability to pull Gardner out of position.

It was in the second set that the real battle started, for Gardner had steadied down and Washburn was as impetuous as a steam locomotive. Washburn gained only on good, fast tennis, and volleys became long and frequent. Gardner's placement shots were more accurate and better timed, and he seemed to have enough game to win after a hard fight.

Going into the third set the Harvard man had tired perceptibly, but Gardner was hardly less tired. He took the latter very little time to show his mastery over Washburn, and his hard drives along the side lines helped him to forge ahead rapidly. Once he took the lead he was never headed.

As on the first two days of the tourney, most of the interest seemed to be centered around the doubles matches. The fact that both of these were called at the same time made it hard for the spectators to decide which they favored. Gardner and Washburn were the favorites of the onlookers vacillated from one court to the other as they were attracted by the applause showered on particularly brilliant play. In one of the doubles matches, Niles and Dabney, who were later defeated by Larned and George Wrenn, 6-2, 11-9, and in the other Nathaniel W. Niles and Arthur S. Dabney took two deuce sets from Larned and George Wrenn and Theodore R. Pell at 6-4, 8-7.

The last named match was a hummer from start to finish and the result was always in doubt. The tennis showings were the best seen in any of the doubles contests to date. There were many who felt that the great team work of Niles and Dabney would make them easy conquerors of Prentice and Pell. The latter, however, played exceptionally well as a team.

In the first set Niles and Dabney had the lead at four games to two and were moving along in the style of Prentice and Pell. The latter won the second set, 6-4, and Dabney and Niles were not to be outdone, and they grabbed the next two in exactly the same way.

The fourteenth game, which proved to be the last, was really a very exciting one. It meant the set for Niles and Dabney or deuce for Prentice and Pell. There was a series of long volleys and deuce and the game was called six times before the former pair won out. All through this set the work of Prentice at the net was of the highest order, while he made many cross-court shots that were little short of marvellous. Pell got in his best strokes in the back court, while Niles and Dabney were very steady. The winners made 50 points to the losers' 44. Four games went to deuce.

Again in the second set Niles and Dabney led at 4-2, and again Prentice and Pell pulled up to 5 all. The latter pair had the advantage at 6-5 and 7-6, but did not make the most of the game that would have given them the set. On the fourteenth game, which incidentally went to deuce five times, Prentice and Pell were within one stroke of winning on three different occasions, but they missed out each time, twice on downright hard luck, the other time by getting their signals crossed.

Niles and Dabney gained the lead at 6-4, and after deuce was reached four times in the sixteenth game, took the set and the match with the second set score 7-5. There were only two points difference between the teams in the set total. The winners made 69 and the losers 67.

Behr and Inman had an easy time winning the first set against Larned and Wrenn. Only one game went to deuce and the points totaled 32 to 22. In the second set, however, the old timers put up a stubborn battle and twenty games were needed to decide it.

Human's service and hard drives were principally responsible for his team's victory, for the opposition could not handle them well. The winning team placed more accurately, too, and showed better judgment. The points scored were 73 to 69.

Theodore R. Pell was credited on the official scorebook with a victory over Larned and Wrenn in the first round on Monday by default. This was a mistake. They played the match early and Pell won in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3. The summary:

Achells Challenge Cup—Men's Invitation singles—Semi-final round: George U. Gardner defeated Watson M. Washburn, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Men's Invitation Doubles—Second round: W. Niles and A. S. Dabney defeated Watson M. Washburn and Theodore R. Pell, 6-2, 11-9.

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